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USAID Programs in 2006

The American people though USAID have provided \$70 million in assistance programs for Turkmenistan since 1992, including \$3.5 million in 2006.



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Economic Growth (FY06 \$0.7 million, 20%): USAID provides consulting and trade promotion services to private small and medium-sized enterprises and supports short business training courses on subjects like marketing, business planning, and international accounting standards (Pragma). The Business and Economics Education Program (Carana) supports professors and others involved in economics and business education with access to information and computer resources and funds research opportunities and scholarships. Seminars on international and commercial law are organized for Turkmen law students, legal professionals, and entrepreneurs (ABA/CEELI). USAID also supports the development of sustainable farmers' organizations (Counterpart International). USAID assists Water User Associations (WUA) in Turkmenistan to become stronger institutions that are more capable of managing local water delivery systems. USAID provides training in natural resource management and business practices and small grants to WUAs for infrastructure repairs or critical equipment.

Health and Population (FY06 \$1.4 million, 40%): USAID is working to establish and institutionalize components of health reform in Turkmenistan. USAID's program includes a special focus on improving the quality of maternal and child health services. To improve the management of childhood illnesses, USAID trains health care providers and promotes community health in pilot sites. Training programs support improvement in laboratory quality control for TB diagnosis, implementation of the Directly Observed Treatment Short-course (DOTS), and institutionalization of advanced laboratory techniques. USAID also supports the development of blood screening programs in Turkmenistan (Abt Associates, John Snow Inc., CDC, Project Hope). The Capacity project will assist the Ministry of Health to develop institutions and networks to manage comprehensive HIV/AIDS control programs (John Snow Inc.).

Democracy (FY06 \$1.1, 31%): Despite challenges in Turkmenistan, limited democracy work is possible at the grassroots level. USAID supports the development of the NGO sector broadly through its network of Civil Society Support Centers. These centers provide key intermediary support for local civil society actors and provide small grants and training on issues such as advocacy, strategic planning, and fundraising (Counterpart). USAID also provides legal advice to NGOs and other organizations (International Center for Not-for-Profit Law). USAID's legal reform program targets future legal professionals by building students' practical writing and oral advocacy skills through moot courts, mock trials, and Street Law, while giving them practice through the establishment of university-affiliated legal clinics (Freedom House, ABA/CEELI).

Cross-Cutting Programs (FY06 \$0.32 million, 9%): The Participant Training Program provides training to support USAID's technical assistance programs (AED), while the Community Connections Program offers home stay-based practical exchange opportunities in the United States for Turkmenistan's business, community, and local government leaders to build lasting linkages (World Learning).